

University Recognition



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2024

Ann Cheek Biology & Biochemistry	Teaching Excellence Award – Provost Core
Tai-Yen Chen Chemistry	Teaching Excellence Award – Provost Core
Jacqueline Ekeoba, Paige Evans, Rachel Glenn, Ramona Mateer <i>teachHOUSTON</i> (Mathematics)	Teaching Excellence Award – Group Teaching
Chin-Yo Lin Biology & Biochemistry (CNRCS)	Teaching Excellence Award
Jeremy May Chemistry	Outstanding Graduate Mentor
Gopal Pandurangan Computer Science	Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity – Professor
Donna Pattison Biology & Biochemistry	Distinguished Leadership in Teaching Excellence
Weiyi Peng Biology & Biochemistry (CNRCS)	Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity – Assistant Professor
Cathy Poliak Mathematics	Teaching Excellence Award – Instructor/Clinical
Zhifeng Ren Physics (TcSUH)	Esther Farfel Award
Melissa Zastrow Chemistry	Undergraduate Research Mentor

2023

Stuart Dryer Biology & Biochemistry	Esther Farfel Award
Lisa Farmer Biology & Biochemistry	Teaching Excellence – Instructor/Clinical
Jenifer Gifford Biology & Biochemistry	Teaching Excellence – Provost's Core
Andreas Mang Mathematics	Awards for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity – Assistant Professor
Maxim Olshanskii Mathematics	Awards for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity – Professor
Thomas Teets Chemistry	Awards for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity – Associate Professor

2022

Loi Do Chemistry	Undergraduate Research Mentor Award
Paige Evans Mathematics (<i>teachHOUSTON</i>)	Distinguished Leadership in Teaching Excellence
W. Anthony Frankino Biology & Biochemistry	Undergraduate Research Mentor Award

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Ioannis Kakadiaris Computer Science

Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity – Professor

Monique Ogletree Biology & Biochemistry

Teaching Excellence Award – Instructor/Clinical

Alexander Robinson Earth & Atmospheric Sciences

Teaching Excellence Award – Provost Core

William Widger Biology & Biochemistry

Teaching Excellence Award

2021

Lisa Farmer Biology & Biochemistry

Teaching Excellence Award – Provost's Core

Rebecca Forrest Physics

Teaching Excellence – Distinguished Leadership in Teaching Excellence

Ana Medrano Biology & Biochemistry

Teaching Excellence – Instructor/Clinical

Andrew Renshaw Physics

Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creativity – Assistant Professor

Nouhad Rizk Computer Science

Teaching Excellence – Community Engagement

Judy Wu Chemistry

Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creativity – Assistant Professor

Yingcai Zheng Earth & Atmospheric Sciences

Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creativity – Associate Professor

2020

Melahat Almus Mathematics

Teaching Excellence Award – Provost's Core

Rene Bellwied Physics

Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creativity – Professor

Wei-Kan Chu Physics

Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award

Donald Kouri Physics

Undergraduate Research Mentor Award

Thomas Teets Chemistry

Undergraduate Research Mentor Award

Richard Willson Biology & Biochemistry

Esther Farfel Award

2019

Jakoah Brgoch Chemistry

Undergraduate Research Mentor Award

Vaughn Climenhaga Mathematics

Teaching Excellence Award

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Galapago! Teaching Team: Ricardo Azevedo,
Ann Cheek, Tony Frankino, Andrew Hamilton,
Marc Hanke, Rebecca Zufall Biology & Biochemistry

Teaching Excellence Award – Group Teaching

Geophysical Field Camp Team: Shuhab Khan,
Chang Li, Will Sager, Rob Stewart,
Guoquan “Bob” Wang,
Jingjing Zong Earth & Atmospheric Sciences

Teaching Excellence Award – Group Teaching

Daniel Hauptvogel Earth & Atmospheric Sciences

Teaching Excellence Award – Instructor/Clinical

Donna Pattison Biology & Biochemistry

Teaching Excellence Award – Provost’s Core

Claudia Ratti Physics

Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and
Creativity – Associate Professor

Lowell Wood Physics

Teaching Excellence Career Award

2018

Suncica Canic Mathematics

Esther Farfel Award

Ann Cheek Biology & Biochemistry

Teaching Excellence Award – Instructor/Clinical

Mini Das Physics

Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and
Creativity – Assistant Professor

Rebecca George Mathematics

Teaching Excellence Award – Provost’s Core

Shuhab Khan Earth & Atmospheric Sciences

Undergraduate Research Mentor Award

Zhifeng Ren Physics

Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and
Creativity – Professor

2017

Edgar Bering Physics

Undergraduate Research Mentor Award

Introductory Biology Teaching Team:
Ann Cheek, Richard Knapp, Ana Medrano,
Monique Ogletree, Donna Pattison, Dan Wells,
Lawrence Williams Biology & Biochemistry

Teaching Excellence Award – Group Teaching

Don Coltart Chemistry

Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship – Assistant
Professor

Teaching Excellence Award

Timothy Cooper Biology & Biochemistry

Undergraduate Research Mentor Award

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Enhancing University Physics 1 & 2 through an Inquiry-Based Approach: Rebecca Forrest, Sladjana Maric, Donna Stokes, Oomman Varghese, Lowell Wood *Physics*

Teaching Excellence Award – Group Teaching

W. Anthony Frankino *Biology & Biochemistry*

Teaching Excellence Award

Steven Pennings *Biology & Biochemistry*

Teaching Excellence Award – Instructional Technology

Jing Mei Qiu *Mathematics*

Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship – Associate Professor

Nouhad Rizk *Computer Science*

Teaching Excellence Award – Instructor/Clinical

2016

Bernhard Bodmann *Mathematics*

Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship, or Creative Activity - Associate Professor

Faculty Award for Mentoring Undergraduate Research

Margaret Cheung *Physics*

Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship, or Creative Activity - Associate Professor

George E. Fox *Biology & Biochemistry*

Esther Farfel Award

Perri Segura *Mathematics (teachHOUSTON)*

Teaching Excellence - Instructor/Clinical

Mark Tomforde *Mathematics*

Teaching Excellence – Community Engagement

Chang Yun *Computer Science*

Teaching Excellence - Instructor/Clinical

2015

Melahat Almus *Mathematics*

Teaching Excellence - Instructor/Clinical

Albert M.K. Cheng *Computer Science*

Lifetime Faculty Award for Mentoring Undergraduate Research

Rebecca Forrest *Physics*

Teaching Excellence - Instructor/Clinical

Daniel Frigo *Biology & Biochemistry*

Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship, or Creative Activity - Assistant Professor

Dan Graur *Biology & Biochemistry*

Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship, or Creative Activity - Professor

Matthew Nicol *Mathematics*

Teaching Excellence Award

2014

Steven Baldelli *Chemistry*

Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship – Associate Professor

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Paige Evans, Maria Benzon, Perri Segura and Leah McAlister-Shields Mathematics (*teachHOUSTON*)

Program Teaching Excellence – Group Teaching Award

Rebecca George Mathematics

Teaching Excellence – Instructor/Clinical

Shuhab Khan Earth & Atmospheric Sciences

Teaching Excellence Award

Barry Lefer Earth & Atmospheric Sciences

Teaching Excellence – Provost's Core

Ognjen Miljanic Chemistry

Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship – Assistant Professor

William Ott Mathematics

Teaching Excellence Award

Robert Stewart Earth & Atmospheric Sciences

Teaching Excellence Award

Randy Thummel Chemistry

Teaching Excellence Career Award

Cecilia Williams Biology & Biochemistry

Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award – Pre-Tenure

Jokubas Žiburkus Biology & Biochemistry

Teaching Excellence Award

2013

Paige K. Evans Mathematics

Teaching Excellence – Instructor/Clinical

Rakesh Verma Computer Science

Lifetime Faculty Award for Mentoring Undergraduate Research

Chad M. Wayne Biology & Biochemistry

Teaching Excellence – Instructor/Clinical

Chang H. Yun, Jose Baez-Francheschi, Zhigang Deng and Olin Johnson

Computer Science, Interactive Game Development Program

Teaching Excellence – Group Teaching Award

2012

Pam Balthazar Mathematics

Teaching Excellence Award – Instructor/Clinical

Margaret Cheung Physics

Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship – Assistant Professor

Tim Cooper Biology & Biochemistry

Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship – Assistant Professor

Tim Cooper Biology & Biochemistry

Teaching Excellence Award

Ed Hungerford Physics

Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship – Professor

Kresimir Josic Mathematics

Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship – Associate Professor

Jeremy A. May Chemistry

Teaching Excellence Award

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Ognjen Miljanic Chemistry	Teaching Excellence Award – Innovation in Instructional Technology
Jeff Morgan Mathematics	Teaching Excellence Award – Community Engagement
Donna L. Pattison Biology & Biochemistry	Teaching Excellence Award – Instructor/Clinical
Lawrence R. Williams Biology & Biochemistry	Teaching Excellence Award – Instructor/Clinical

2011

Simon Bott Chemistry	Teaching Excellence Award Instructor/Clinical Award
Michael Murphy Earth & Atmospheric Sciences	Teaching Excellence Award Provost Core Award
Donna Stokes Physics	Provost Faculty Advising Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Academic Advising
Dan Wells Biology & Biochemistry	Teaching Excellence Award Career Award

2010

Rigoberto Advincula Chemistry	Faculty Award for Mentoring Undergraduate Research
Mary Bean Chemistry	Teaching Excellence Award: Instructor/Clinical
Olaf Daugulis Chemistry	Teaching Excellence Award
Bill Dupre Earth & Atmospheric Sciences	Provost Faculty Advising Award
Rong Zheng Computer Science	Excellence in Research and Scholarship Award

2009

Olafs Daugulis Chemistry	Excellence in Research and Scholarship Award
Rebecca Forest Physics	Teaching Excellence Award
Arnold Guloy Chemistry	Excellence in Research and Scholarship Award
P. Shiv Halasyamani Chemistry	Excellence in Research and Scholarship Award

2008

James Benbrook Physics	Provost's Core Teaching Excellence Award
Eric Bittner Chemistry	Excellence in Research and Scholarship Award
Simon Bott Chemistry	Provost Faculty Advising Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising
William Dupré Earth & Atmospheric Sciences	Provost's Core Teaching Excellence Award

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Virginia Leigh Hollyer Mathematics

Teaching Excellence Award: Instructor/Clinical

Vern Paulsen Mathematics

Teaching Excellence Award

2007

Rigoberto Advincula Chemistry

Excellence in Research and Scholarship Award

Steven Baldelli Chemistry

Excellence in Research and Scholarship Award

Peter Copeland Earth & Atmospheric Sciences

Provost's Core Teaching Excellence Award

Jaspal Subhlok Computer Science

Innovation in Instructional Technology Award

2006

Costa Colbert Biology & Biochemistry

Teaching Excellence Award, Tenure or Tenure Track

Stuart Dryer Biology & Biochemistry

Excellence in Research and Scholarship Award

Craig Larson Mathematics

Non-tenure Teaching Excellence Award

T. Randall Lee Chemistry

Faculty Award for Mentoring Undergraduate Research

Lawrence Williams Biology & Biochemistry

George Magner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Academic Advising